



I Am the Resurrection

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The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God's dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the "kingdom of God." Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today's gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets' hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." In other words, Martha believes in the coming "kingdom of God." But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: "I am the resurrection and the life." That is, "I am the kingdom of God."

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning "self," and *basileia*, meaning "kingdom." It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God's dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

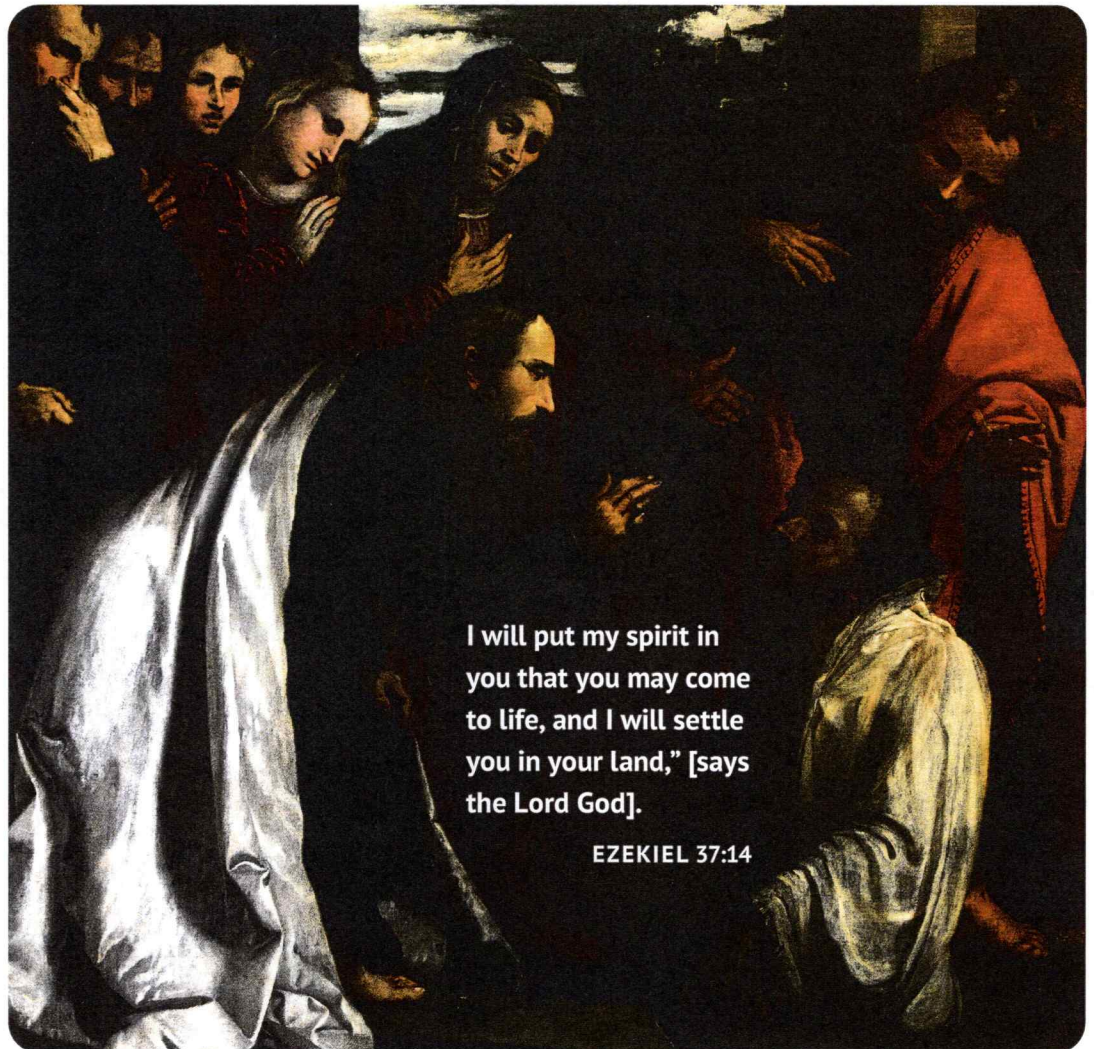
We still wait for God's dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is "the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." ●

Reflect

Where do I see signs or snapshots of the kingdom of God?



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I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land," [says the Lord God].

EZEKIEL 37:14

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Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	Fr. Charles Mazouch
Wednesday	8:00 am	Annunciation of the Lord	Mary Smith
Thursday	11:00 am	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral	
Friday	8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	Rawlin Smith
Saturday	8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	Bob Peintener
Sunday	9:00 am	Palm Sunday	Saint Andrew Parishioners

Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time

Ministers for Next Sunday, March 29, 2026

Greeters: Amber and Jason Sanko

Collection: Tanner Rumbaugh & Reegan Kliesen

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Quinlan Simon & Jaden Torrez

Lectors: Jonathan Lemus & Matt Durler

E.M.C.'s: Lynn Buehne, Lindsay Durler, Sheila McCarty

Gifts: Logan Lix

Rosary: Kevin Hecht

Giving Report: 3-15-26

Envelopes: \$1,760

Loose: \$93.25

Electronic: \$ 695.44

Alms for Renovation Project: \$67,248.69



PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY Signup for the photo sessions will take place after Mass on Sundays. Please stop by and get your family signed up. Pictures will be taken March 26-28, 2026.

Servers: A servers practice is scheduled for March 29 immediately following Mass. All servers are encouraged to attend. Thank You.

Organ: Currently the church organ is not being used for our Masses. If anyone is interested in the church organ, please notify Ruth Morton. Thank You

Stations of the Cross and Adoration are Friday, March 27 at 5:30 pm

Parish School of Religion, (PSR) is this week – Youth Social Commission provides the meal

The Chrism Mass this year is March 26, at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass.

Hail Mary for Vocations: Please remember to offer a Hail Mary before meal blessing prayers for vocations to the Diocese of Dodge City.

SENIOR CITIZENS COVERED DISH SUPPER

Covered dish supper Thursday, March 26 at 6 pm, Wright Senior Center, 10891 Main Street, Wright. Please bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert. Invite a friend to enjoy the evening.

The Knights Council thanks all who so generously supported our Culture of Life fund raising. Your generosity at our Pro-life Breakfast and Breakfast Burrito sales allowed us to donate \$1500 to Dodge City Pregnancy Support, \$1500 to Catholic Charities and \$1500 to the Kansas State Council Ultrasound Initiative. Thank you.

Tuesday, April 7, our Field Agent, Jose Arias, will offer a free presentation showing opportunities on how the Knights of Columbus can help prepare and set goals for retirement opportunities, align your finances with our faith and protecting your family's future. He will answer any questions you might have with no obligation to purchase any products. This event will be in the parish center and light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Opportunities for Confession

Sunday, March 22 at 4:00 pm - Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City
Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 pm - Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City
Tuesday, March 24 at 5:00 pm - Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City

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Dear Padre,

I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?

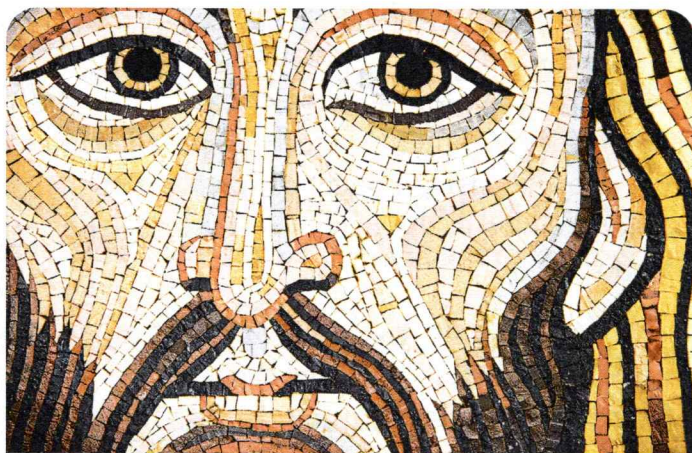
It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so, we switch off, we fall asleep.... But reality has to be faced.... Let us go to Jesus: he can heal us; he can revive us. Jesus is our hope!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 25, 2025

Monday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62 or
13:41c–62
Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

MARCH 25

*The Annunciation
of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14; 8:10
Heb 10:4–10
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

MARCH 29

*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*

Mt 21:1–11
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mt 26:14–27:66 or
27:11–54

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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